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### SENATE

**HOUSE**    HB 3380-S    HB 3386    HB 3387    HJM 4034

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### House Bills

**HB 3380-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)

Concerning financing options for housing and arts, heritage, cultural, and community development programs.

**(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)**

Finds that locally funded heritage and arts programs build vital communities and preserve community history and culture and that within existing revenue sources, local jurisdictions should have the capability to preserve these programs in the future.

Declares that on and after the date the debt on the stadium is retired, and through December 31, 2015, all revenues under RCW 67.28.180 in a county of a million or more shall be deposited in the special account.

Provides that, on and after January 1, 2021, at least thirty-seven and one-half percent of revenues under RCW 67.28.180 in a county of a million or more shall be deposited in the special account.

Declares that in a county of one million or more, at least seventy-five percent of the tax imposed under RCW 82.14.049 shall be used to retire the debt on the stadium under RCW 67.28.180, until that debt is fully retired.

Requires that when the tax under RCW 82.14.360 expires, the tax imposed shall be used only for low-income housing in the county where the housing is insured, assisted, or financed by a federal, state, or local government housing program.

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Mar 3    FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3386** by Representatives Ericksen, Crouse, Armstrong, Haler, McCune, and Hankins

Addressing renewable energy resources.

Declares that the requirements of the energy independence act should be reconciled with conceptually similar laws in neighboring states to facilitate the achievement of the act's objectives in a manner that promotes the development of eligible renewable resources and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at the lowest reasonable cost.

Provides that renewable energy credits may be traded, sold, or otherwise transferred.

Encourages qualifying electric utilities to acquire eligible renewable resources and associated transmission, including components necessary for the development of eligible renewable resources and associated transmission, in advance of the annual targets under RCW 19.285.040 (2)(a) if such an acquisition can be reasonably expected to reduce the cost of complying with an annual target.

Directs the commission to establish by rule: (1) Cost recovery issues of electrical companies that serve both in Washington and in other states in complying with chapter 19.285 RCW; and

(2) A process for allocating the use of renewable energy credits by an electrical company that makes sales of electricity to retail customers in more than one state.

Authorizes the commission to establish an automatic adjustment clause or another method that allows timely recovery of costs prudently incurred by an electrical company to construct or otherwise acquire facilities that generate electricity from eligible renewable resources and for associated electricity transmission.

Authorizes the commission to establish an alternative compliance rate for each compliance year for each electrical company subject to the requirements of RCW 19.285.040(2).

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Mar 6    First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

**HB 3387** by Representatives Condotta, Chandler, Crouse, Newhouse, Kretz, Schmick, Kristiansen, Warnick, Hinkle, Sump, Armstrong, and Schindler

Restricting the use of industrial insurance funds.

Declares that expenditures from the accident and medical aid funds shall be made only for purposes related to the payment of benefits or the administration of industrial insurance programs.

Provides that any ratepayer or group of ratepayers, acting as a class, may file an action in superior court to protest the improper use of the accident fund, the medical aid fund, or the supplemental pension fund.

Provides that, if a court finds that expenditures from the accident fund, the medical aid fund, or the supplemental pension fund are not related to a purpose under RCW 51.44.010, 51.44.020, or 51.44.033, the department is prohibited from making the expenditures, and the ratepayer or ratepayers must be compensated for actual attorneys' fees and an award of triple damages.

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Mar 6 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

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### House Joint Memorials

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**HJM 4034** by Representatives Kessler, DeBolt, Kenney, Ericksen, Grant, Springer, Santos, Ross, Morris, Conway, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Lantz, Crouse, Flannigan, Alexander, Rolfes, Kristiansen, Lias, Smith, Barlow, Priest, Kelley, Ericks, Kagi, Blake, Hurst, Pearson, McIntire, Loomis, Roach, Skinner, Haler, Linville, Haigh, Appleton, Quall, Wood, Armstrong, McCune, Walsh, Bailey, Hankins, Warnick, Herrera, Eddy, Dunshee, Condotta, Hinkle, O'Brien, Schindler, Kretz, Ahern, Rodne, Sump, Dunn, Takko, Hudgins, Wallace, Jarrett, Chandler, Miloscia, Orcutt, Upthegrove, and Sells

Requesting the United States Congress to reconsider and halt the procurement of foreign-made tankers for use by the United States Air Force.

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Mar 6 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.